

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WILSHIRE CENTER BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION
A CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT CORPORATION**

A meeting of the Board was held on July 21, 2016 at 3600 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, California for the purpose of transacting all proper business of the corporation and of the Advisory Board for the Wilshire Center Business Improvement District.

The meeting was called to order. Written notice of this meeting was sent or personally delivered to all Directors of record on the books of the corporation at such time and with such contents as required by the Bylaws of the corporation. Board members present were Mike Hakim, Jimmy Han, Jen Gibo, and Niall Kelly

Members of the LAPD were there to talk about the top quality of life issue in the city; dealing with homelessness and the increase in crime and blight it has created. The LAPD now has a team specifically devoted to this issue. They are working closely with the BIDs and others. It was thought that since the passage of Prop. 47, which reduced penalties for drug use, there has been a large increase in homeless individuals and there is not enough housing to meet the needs. The LAPD encourages building owners to purchase cameras that will work with the departments high quality video surveillance cameras.

LAPD also would like to see signs put up that say "Hide It; Lock It; Keep It" to remind people to keep valuable items out of sight and their cars locked to prevent theft. There has been an increase in property crime, while violent crime has decreased.

LAPD encourages developers to keep their properties occupied while they are in the process of getting their permits to demolish and rebuild to discourage squatters and vandalism.

The BID will continue to work closely with the LAPD and the Council Offices, CD4 (Councilman David Ru) and CD10 (Justin Wesson) to help mitigate problems in our area.

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

KYCC with the assistance of the BID has obtained a \$235,000 grant from the Environmental Enhancement & Mitigation Fund which is tied in with Metro Line Improvements. The grant will be used to convert our current irrigation system to a drip system, redesigned medians, the planting of 400 trees in the residential neighborhoods around Wilshire Blvd., removing or repairing the concrete around the trees on Wilshire, etc. Fifty trees will be planted on 6th and 8th Street and maintained by KYCC for 2 years. KYCC will also do outreach to business owners where trees are being planted.

Cynthia Ruiz of the minimum wage outreach team talked about the new minimum wage regulations in the City of L.A.. The minimum wage ordinance went into effect July 1, 2016. These regulations are in effect now for companies with over 25 employees. The regulations will go into effect on July 1, 2017 for companies with fewer than 25 employees. The increases apply to part time employees as well as full time. The new rate of \$10.50/hour will increase up to \$15.00/hr incrementally. Employers must post the new regulations re min. wage for their employees. The posters are available in multiple languages, and there will be large fines issued for noncompliance. In addition, payroll records must be kept for 4 years, and paid sick leave is now allowed, with a 72 hour cap. For more information go to wagesla@lacity.org.

We are continuing to work with the schools in the area to open their campuses to the public, since our park space is so limited. We will partner with People for Parks. Local businesses can be involved. There are several fitness instructors in the area who are interested in providing free yoga and fitness classes.

It was suggested that another way to help raise money needed to help the schools staff the grounds for the public would be by charging for parking. The BID will request sponsorships to promote opening the schools to the public in future newsletters.

The BID is working with the Red Cross on earthquake preparedness for our area. The Red Cross offers free certification classes for earthquake preparedness, which includes CPR.

The Board discussed the budget, which needs to be increased partially due to the minimum wage increase, and also because the Board wants increased services. A motion was made, seconded and approved; the budget will increase to 2020 levels, which is a 20% increase.

The WCBIC annual membership meeting will take place on August 25 at Southwest Law School. Our next board meeting will take place on October 20.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mike Sarebanha as Secretary